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Sir:

The enclosed references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08 are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99 in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. The relevance of the non-English references is disclosed in the accompanying English abstracts obtained from the European Patent office. Copies of the foreign references are enclosed for filing.

In the outstanding Office Action mailed August 4, 2009, the Examiner states that the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 10, 2007, fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document listed. Applicants are herewith re-submitting the Information Disclosure Statement along with a copy of each foreign patent document listed.

DE1911903 describes a horizontal modular refrigerator cabinet consisting of a plurality of U-shaped structural modules of rigid foamed material disposed horizontally side by side such that the side walls of each U-shaped module define the upper and lower walls of the refrigerator cabinet. The refrigeration compartment is closed frontally by doors and laterally by flat panels of the same material with which the modules are made. The said patent does not provide details of how such flat panels are fixed to the ends of the U-shaped modules, which are abuttingly joined to each other. Moreover, such a type of cabinet is suitable more for commercial use (bar, beer houses, etc.) than for domestic use, as the U-shaped elements define a sort of refrigerated counter.

The submission of the accompanying information is not intended to imply that more pertinent prior disclosures may not exist, nor is it an admission by Applicants that any one or more of the submitted documents form a part of the scope and content of the prior art.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure is submitted more than three months after the filing of the application and before the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113 or a notice of allowance under § 1.311. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(p), please charge our deposit account 50-2003 in the amount of \$180.00 for submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,  
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